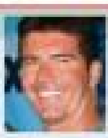
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30% of gov't workers need to see shrinks

By Dona Pazzibugan

AS MANY AS THREE OUT OF 10 GOVernment employees have mental health problems, according to a 2007 survey.

The most common mental disorder found were depression and anxiety disorder, which require professional intervention, said Dr. Edgardo Tolentino Jr. of the Philippine Psychiatric Association (PPA).

"Surprisingly, as much as 30 percent of the respondents were found to have

30% OF GOV'T/A4

Poll says Finns biggest slimmers, Pinoys honest



PARIS—FINNS ARE THE world's biggest slimmers, Brazilians are the most figure-conscious and the French are likeliest to blame fast food for making them overweight, according to a survey published on Monday by Reader's Digest.

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Comelec says SC may reinstate disqualified bets

By TJ Burgonio

THE COMMISSION ON Elections yesterday raised the possibility the Supreme Court would overturn the Comelec's rulings on disqualified candidates after the ballots had been printed and "throw a monkey wrench" on the preparations for the automated elections in May.

Comelec Chair Jose Melo yesterday voiced this apprehension during a National Security Council (NSC) meeting convened by President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang to map out a consensus on ensuring credible elections.

"One problem that was identified is the issue of the disqualification cases, which the Comelec raised. Until these cases are finalized, it's very difficult to print ballots," Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said in a briefing.

"What if it has already printed say 10 ballots, and the five or 10 candidates that had been disqualified go to the Supreme Court and are reinstated? That's what they fear," Remonde said.

While the issue was beyond its jurisdiction, the NSC believed that the high tribunal would sustain the Comelec's rulings on the disqualification cases, precluding any reprinting of ballots, Remonde said.

"There was an expression of the sense of the bipartisan, multipartisan National Security

POLL PRINTING/A6



PAST IS PRESENT ... President Arroyo welcomes former President Joseph Estrada to the National Security Council meeting on Tuesday at Malacañang's Heroes Hall. It was the first time Estrada set foot in the Palace since he was ousted on Jan. 21, 2001, in a popular uprising. LYN RILLON

Erap on Palace comeback: That's destiny

By Christian V. Esguerra

"I'M COMING BACK. THAT'S destiny."

Joseph Estrada, who is running for president again in the May election, yesterday made this vow in a phone interview with the Inquirer after returning to Malacañang almost nine years after his ouster to attend a National Security Council meeting.

The former President admitted he missed the Palace, especially the "everyday routine of the presidency."

"It's almost nine years today since I left Malacañang. That was Jan. 21," said the actor-turned-politician.

Estrada, 71, was forced to step down in 2001 after only two and a half years in office by a people power uprising dubbed Edsa II. He was replaced by then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

He was later convicted of plunder but was promptly pardoned by Ms Arroyo in 2007.

Estrada said he felt a bit awkward while sitting in Heroes Hall during the meeting that tackled private armies and other security concerns in preparation for the elections.

"It's something new to me because before it was GMA who used to be seated to my right. Now I was the one seated to her right," he said in Filipino, referring to the seating protocol when he was president and Ms Arroyo was vice president.

Seated to Ms Arroyo's left was Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and across from

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Palace exec: GMA needs list to name SC chief; JPE says no

By TJ Burgonio and Michael Lim Ubac

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo can't nominate the new Chief Justice without any recommendations from the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC), Cabinet Secretary Silvestre Bello III said yesterday.

But Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile said Ms Arroyo could bypass the JBC in naming a new Chief Justice.

He said this could be done only after the position shall have been vacated by Chief Justice Reynato Puno in May upon his mandatory retirement at the age of 70.

The JBC screens and recommends nominees to all vacancies in the judiciary, including the Supreme Court.

Bello, who sat as JBC vice chair during the Aquino and Ramos administrations, maintained that all appointments to the judiciary would arise from a "deliberation and nomination from the JBC."

"The JBC is still mandated to submit a list of nominees to the President for the position of Chief Justice," he said in a Malacañang briefing.

Bello served as justice secretary in the Aquino administration.

"There is no need for that (JBC list of nominees)," Enrile told reporters when asked if the position of Chief Justice would still have to pass screening by the JBC.

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SC restraining order makes Ladlad feel gay

By Norman Bordadora

IT MAY BE A TEMPORARY VICtory but it's a good enough reason for them to feel gay.

The Supreme Court yesterday restrained the Commission on Elections (Comelec) from enforcing its resolution disqualifying the gay group Ang Ladlad from the party-list elections in May.

In an en banc session, the court issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) directing the Comelec to continue recognizing Ang Ladlad as an accredited party-list group and include its name on the ballots, pending a final court ruling on Ang Ladlad's appeal against the poll body's disqualification order.

Deputy Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez told reporters that Ang Ladlad's appeal remained pending in the

SC RESTRAINING/A4

High court stops RFID, tells LTO to refund fees

By Norman Bordadora

THE SUPREME COURT ON Tuesday stopped the Land Transportation Office (LTO) from implementing the radio frequency identification (RFID) system for motor vehicles.

In an en banc session, the Supreme Court issued a status quo ante order—or one applying the existing situation before the implementation of the contested program—on the RFID.

Deputy Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez, Supreme Court spokesperson, told reporters that Bayan Muna's and Pasion's petition against the RFID remained pending before the Supreme Court.

Bayan Muna and its allied

HIGH COURT/A6

FIRST INTERVIEW

Andal Jr.: Fair trial will prove I'm innocent

By Jeannette I. Andrade and Julie M. Aurelio

THE PRINCIPAL SUSPECT IN the Nov. 23 Maguindanao massacre yesterday insisted on his innocence and said this would come out in a "fair trial."

For the first time since his incarceration at the National Bureau of Investigation jail, Datu Unsay Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr. agreed to be interviewed by reporters and expressed confidence that his innocence would be proven in court.

The hearing on the bail petition filed by the multiple murder suspect resumes today before Quezon City Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes in a converted courtroom in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Speaking in Filipino, in which his lawyer Sigfrid Fortun had claimed he was not conversant, Ampatuan said: "I request only one thing—a fair

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SUSPECT ANDAL AMPATUAN JR.—Allah is not sleeping.

SC transfers rebellion case vs Ampatuans to QC court

By Norman Bordadora and Inquirer Mindanao

THE SUPREME COURT YESterday granted the Department of Justice's motion to transfer the venue of the rebellion case against members of the Ampatuan clan from Cotabato City to Quezon City.

Midas Marquez, spokesperson of the high court, said it decided in an en banc session to grant Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera's motion for the transfer of the case to a Quezon City court. He said the motion was based on concerns over security and "the influence exerted by the family in the area."

Marquez pointed out that the rebellion case was "totally different" from the multiple murder case pending in the Quezon City Regional Trial Court against Datu Unsay Mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr., the primary suspect in the Nov. 23 massacre of 57 people, including at least 30 journalists, in Maguindanao.

"[This case] will have to be raffled off," Marquez said.

The clan members facing rebellion charges are former Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr., Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan, acting Maguindanao Gov. Sajid Islam Ampatuan, Shariff Aguak Mayor Anwar Ampatuan and Akmad Tato Ampatuan. No bail has been recommended for their temporary liberty.

The purported rebellion by

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WEATHER FORECAST

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'More firearms than voters'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THERE ARE MORE PRIVATE armies in Sulu and Basilan than security forces combined, according to a source privy to police operations.

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Gov't to import 60,000 MT of sugar

THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO IMPORT 60,000 tons of refined sugar to ensure a "healthy inventory" at the end of the current crop year, according to Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) chief Rafael Coscolluela.

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Quake jolts Luzon

A MODERATE quake struck Central Luzon last night, shaking parts of Metro Manila, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said.

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Proxies fight war for Noynoy, Manny

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Palace spokesman on low GMA ratings: Mea culpa

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mental health problems. One or two were even possibly suicidal," Tolentino, who practices at Makati Medical Center, said yesterday at a forum organized by the Philippine College of Physicians.

The survey, an initiative of the Department of Health, covered the employees of major government departments based in the National Capital Region.

It used the diagnostic tool Composite International Diagnostic Interview, which is recommended by the World Health Organization and the American Psychiatric Association, to get a picture of the mental health of Filipino government workers, Tolentino said.

"We think that people are just normal, but they are actually harboring mental health problems that can be picked up by a diagnostic tool," he said.

The DPA is lobbying Congress to pass a mental health bill to strengthen and standardize services for mental healthcare.

Chemical imbalance

According to Tolentino, depression is not the same as sadness caused by the loss of or separation from a loved one.

"Depression is an illness triggered even without any loss or separation. Rather, [illegible] brain chemical imbalance. It has to be treated because of the danger of suicide. So we help [illegible] this," he said.

Tolentino said a nationwide survey was being planned to get a bigger picture of the mental health of Filipinos.

Dr. [illegible] of the DPA, who practices at Philippine General Hospital, said the survey findings jibed with the findings made more than a decade ago by the late Dr. [illegible], one of the country's leading practitioners of mental healthcare.

Perlas' 1996 survey, conducted in communities in Region VI (Western Visayas) with 1,000 respondents, showed that 14.3 percent or nearly two out of 10 persons suffered from a range of anxiety disorders including panic, phobia and general depression.

"They needed professional help, medication or psychotherapy," Dela said.

'Life-saving' diagnosis

Among the findings of the DOH survey was that those afflicted with mental problems had low/limited education and were in difficult family situations, Tolentino said.

He said mental health problems might arise "the more stressors you have, and if you don't have enough resources to deal with the problem."

Tolentino said diagnosing mental disorder was of "life-saving" importance.

He said that in some celebrated cases of suicide, the "psychological autopsy" revealed that the suicidal person had shown a number of warning signs that were unfortunately undetected.

He cited a case where the suicidal person not only left a suicide note but also gave [illegible] to his family after his death.

"There were a lot of signs but the people around them didn't detect that there was depression. It's life-saving to detect depression. It's preventable; there's something we can do to prevent it," he said.

An 'anxious people'

Tolentino said there was an increasing number of people suffering from anxiety attacks.

"Over the past 10 years, there has been a high incidence of anxiety among Filipinos. We are an anxious people," he observed.

But he also noted that Filipinos used humor as a coping mechanism during times of disaster and national upheavals.

"Is it good or bad? It could be good. But the realistic way of coping is if we can use it to find a solution," he said.

SC restraining order makes ...

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high court.

Marquez said the court was aware of the time constraints on the Comelec to print the names of eligible candidates and party-list groups on the ballots for the election.

"It is too late ... for Ang Ladlad should be qualified, it might be difficult, if not impossible, to include them on the ballots," Marquez said.

'We're unstoppable'

Danton Remoto, Ang Ladlad president and nominee, hailed the Supreme Court ruling.

"We are the first gay and lesbian party in the world ... nothing can stop us now," Remoto said in a phone interview. "Our arguments were well-written and were based on the law."

Remoto said the court order for Ang Ladlad's inclusion on the ballot proved that the Comelec's decision, which had quoted passages from the Bible and the Koran to support its position, was wrong.

In a 26-page petition for certiorari filed on Jan. 4, Ang Ladlad asked the court to nullify the Comelec resolution and compel the commission to add the name of the gay group when ballots are printed starting on Jan. 25.

"A cursory perusal of the Comelec decision reveals that the commission equated Ang Ladlad's tolerance of the beliefs of those 'differently oriented' with the petitioner applicant's purported acts or practice of immorality," the group said in its petition.

Ang Ladlad said the Comelec invoked Article 201 of the Revised Penal Code dealing with the glorification of criminals, indecent shows, obscene publications and [illegible] or pornographic exhibitions to back its conclusion that the group was espousing doctrines contrary to public morals.

Carried to the extreme

"It may not be amiss to say ... that homosexuality per se does not fall within the ambit of the penal law. That one's affection toward people of the same sex easily translate to lust and immorality is obviously a [illegible]," the group added.

Carried to the extreme, equating homosexuality with immorality or criminality would make calling another person "bading" or "tibo" a ground for criminal action, Ang Ladlad told the court.

It said the Comelec commissioner who said there were already many homosexuals in Congress "may be exposed to charges of slander by the offended members of Congress whom he forced out of the closet," because simply branding them as gays would then possibly constitute as a malicious imputation of a crime, vice or defect."

"Their agents, as gay celebrities [illegible] and [illegible] would have probably realized, had they pursued their complaint against those [illegible], there is nothing derogatory in the term 'gay' to warrant a conviction for libel," the group said.

"At least for now, the term should be a neutral one," it added. *With a report from Kristine L. Alave*



SUN CAR The country's second solar-powered car called "Sikat" (Famous) built by students of De La Salle University is driven on a busy street in Manila on Tuesday. The car's body is made of a lightweight carbon fiber found in current F1 car models and with improved design features such as new generation solar power cells and a sleeker, more maneuverable and aerodynamic design. The road show is aimed at promoting the use of solar energy and preparing for the 2011 World Solar Car Challenge in Australia. AP

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It's getting warmer and warmer every day

Filipino is parish priest in Sweden

By Cynthia D. Balana

Priests' congress to focus on spirituality, renewal

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HOMECOMING OF SORTS President Macapagal-Arroyo stands beside former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada at the start of the National Security Council meeting in Malacañang. Also in photo are, from left, Justice Secretary Agnes Devanadera, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Defense Secretary Norberto Gonzales.

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HELLO AND GOODBYE Former President Estrada bids farewell after attending a meeting of the National Security Council.

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INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Ibaloi people ponder future together

By Vincent Cabreza
Bugias, Benguet

HEAVY BEATS OF A popular rap song and [illegible] dancing hip-hop at a courtyard across the bunkhouses at the Binga hydroelectric dam opened the new year in Itogon town in Benguet.

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OLD AND WISE [illegible]

Dispossessed

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"This is how we keep the oral history alive. We discuss what we remember and we correct ourselves immediately when we have wrong data"

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Across the NATION

Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia



A FARMER goes about his planting routine in Guinobatan, Albay, as Mayon showed signs of heightened unrest last December.

Mayon magma pressure easing, says Phivolcs

By Alcuin Papa in Manila and Rey Nasol, Inquirer Southern Luzon

PRESSURE FROM MAGMA IS easing in Mayon, which could lead to a lower alert level in communities around the volcano, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said yesterday.

Renato Solidum, Phivolcs chief, likened Mayon to a balloon losing air.

He said the alert level may be lowered from 3 to 2 this week.

Solidum said volcanologists noticed a "deflation" of the volcano.

"When the volcano is inflated, there is magma coming out," Solidum said.

"But now there is no new transport of magma from beneath. There is no more pressure."

The agency also said the volcano isn't producing as much as it did in previous weeks.

Phivolcs said it recorded on Monday six volcanic earthquakes and 17 cases of rock falls, which are lava fragments being detached from upper slopes.

The crater was still glowing but not as brightly as in previous weeks.

Alex Baloloy of the Phivolcs' Lignon Hill Observatory Center in Daraga, Albay, said while there was an increase in sulfur dioxide emissions, it was "only part of the erratic characteristics of the volcano."

Phivolcs measured 872 tons of sulfur dioxide emission on Jan. 6; 1,077, Jan. 7; 1,346, Jan. 8; and 928 in the last 24 hours.

Eduardo Laguerta, resident volcanologist, said an estimated 30 million cubic meters of lava and other volcanic materials traveled 5.5 kilometers down from the volcano to three gullies in two Legazpi City barangays—Bonga and Mabinit—and Barangay Anoling in Camalig town.

Alert level 4 was declared on Dec. 20 and was lowered to 3 on Jan. 2.

Phivolcs reiterated its warning against entry into the 6-kilometer permanent danger zone and a 7-km extended danger zone in the southeast flank of the volcano.

Mayon, believed to be the most active among the country's 22 active volcanoes, has erupted at least 50 times since 1616. Its severe eruption buried Cagsawa town and killed 1,200 people in 1814. An eruption in 1993 killed 77 farmers.

An earthquake with magnitude 3.9 and intensity 3 was felt in Legazpi City at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Phivolcs reported.

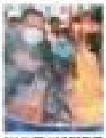
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■ CEBU CITY

Measures vs cocaine

AUTHORITIES and other law enforcement agencies in Cebu have adopted stricter inspection measures to ensure that prohibited drugs, particularly cocaine, do not enter Cebu ports.

The measures were drawn up in an interagency conference held on Friday in the wake of the seizure of over a billion pesos worth of cocaine bricks on Samar and Leyte islands.



AN ANTI-NARCOTICS officer burns drugs seized by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) last month.

Representatives of the Association of International Shipping Lines in Cebu, led by Max Cruz, promised during the conference full cooperation by member shipping companies.

Cebu Customs Collector Ronnie Silvestre said efforts would be doubled in inspecting cargo from international vessels that dock at the Cebu International Port. *Doris C. Bongcac, Inquirer Visayas*

■ ANGELES CITY

Confucius Institute

CHINA'S education ministry is opening the Confucius Institute of the Angeles University Foundation (AUF) in Angeles City on Jan. 15, with President Macapagal-Arroyo as a guest in the ceremony.

The AUF will be the third school in the Philippines to partner with the Chinese government in establishing the institute after Ateneo de Manila University and Bulacan State University, university president Joseph Angeles said.

The AUF obtained a $150,000 grant to run the institute, which will promote teachings on the philosophy of Confucius and host lectures on Chinese culture, language and history. *Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

■ LUCENA CITY

NPA: No vote-buying

THE COMMUNIST Party of the Philippines (CPP) denied that New People's Army rebels were selling "permits to win" (PTW) to candidates, accusing the military of spreading what it said was a false report.

"It was designed to denigrate the revolutionary forces as engaging in and benefiting from vote-buying through extortion," the CPP said in a statement.

The NPA had long admitted collecting "permits to campaign" (PTC) fees from politicians wanting to wage a campaign in rebel-controlled areas.

On Saturday, quoting intelligence reports, Lt. Col. Generoso Valencia Jr., head of the Army's 76th Infantry Battalion, said rebels were also selling permits to win to some candidates. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*

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Registration scam found in Davao's biggest district



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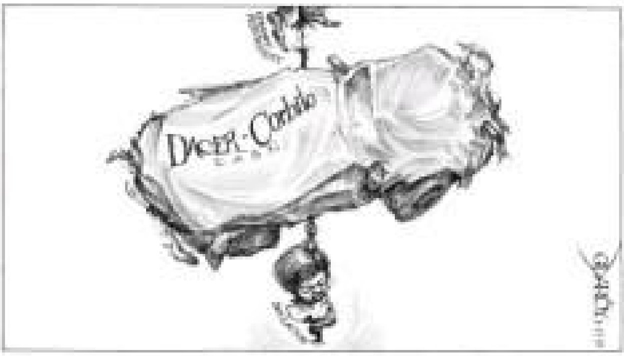


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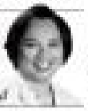
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Beth Celis

Go! Badminton tilt fires off Feb. 27

John Hay Chair's Cup golf Saturday

SPORTSWATCH

SJC 4-cock derby gets going today

Fil-Am cockfights slated at PCC Jan. 15

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
RE: MIMOSA LEISURE ESTATE

This is to serve notice that the Mondragon Group of Companies ("Mondragon") is asserting its rights over the Mimosa Leisure Estate, which the Clark Development Corporation ("CDC") is once again attempting to transfer to another party, this time, to a so-called joint venture with certain Korean entities known as "I&D Venture Investment Co. Ltd.," "Daewoong Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.", and "Kangwon Land Inc." and supposedly represented by a certain "Hanwool I&D Corporation."

There are several cases between Mondragon and CDC pending before the Regional Trial Court-Angeles City, Branch 57, to seek the implementation and performance of the Interim Agreements and Supplemental Interim Agreements among Mondragon, CDC and PAGCOR, the accounting and recovery of compensation for the use and appropriation of the movables inside the Mimosa Leisure Estate, including those in the Mimosa Regency Casino, and the accounting and recovery of Mondragon's share in the revenues of the Mimosa Regency Casino. Mondragon Leisure and Resorts Corporation is the owner of the improvements and movables inside the Mimosa Leisure Estate, which were not covered by the writ of execution issued by the RTC-Angeles City, Branch 58 on December 1, 1999. There is also a pending case in the Supreme Court wherein Mondragon maintains that the P491,394,945.69 which CDC had received from the Mimosa Leisure Estate from December 1999 up to February 28, 2003 alone, is more than enough settlement of the P325,000,000.00 compromise rental owed by Mondragon under the Compromise Agreement dated June 28, 1999 between Mondragon and CDC. Finally, Mondragon's license to operate the Mimosa Regency Casino remains valid and binding and there is a case pending before the Court of Appeals on the issue of whether or not Mondragon and PAGCOR should submit their dispute to arbitration.

Thus, Mondragon strongly objects and protests this latest attempt to deliver the Mimosa Leisure Estate to another party especially at this time when the term of the present GMA Administration is about to end. Mondragon will exhaust all legal means to assert and protect its rights and interests over the Mimosa Leisure Estate against all parties concerned, including the nullification of any contract entered into by CDC and recovery of damages, and it will not hesitate to pursue criminal actions against the said parties.

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Naia security breached

Arab teenager dressed as pilot arrested

THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION (BI) has taken custody of a 19-year-old student pilot from Saudi Arabia who was arrested on Monday night for entering a restricted area at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) without the required clearance.



Officials begin groundwork on Taytay's bid for cityhood



Lim arrives at MPD affair in a cab and sans bodyguards

Mentally ill woman kills son, wounds kin

Man hangs self; another jumps off footbridge



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Condo burglarized



POLITICAL GARBAGE

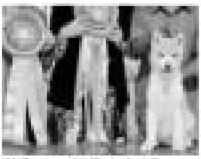
4 hurt as old house collapses in Parañaque

2 men arrested for stealing over P2M worth of crayons

Lim arrives . . .

Stay productive, mayor tells elderly

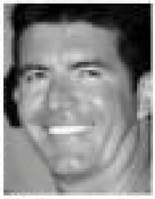
Naia security breached



HAVE you seen this Siberian husky?

Owner offers reward for lost Siberian pup

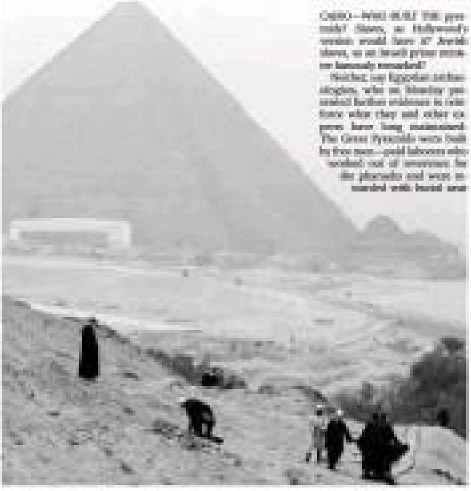
Pope denounces failure to forge new climate treaty



COWELL

Cowell will leave 'Idol' for 'X Factor'

New find shows slaves didn't build pyramids



Iran nuclear scientist killed in blast

French filmmaker Eric Rohmer dies at 89



ROHMER

Sarah Palin joins Fox News as commentator



PALIN

The WORLD



Woman who saved Anne Frank's diary dies at 100

N. Ireland leader quits over wife's teen affair

BELFAST—THE PEACE PROCESS FACES A NEW challenge as Northern Ireland's leader was forced to step down—at least temporarily—amid outrage following revelations of his wife's affair with a teenager.



ROBINSON

S. Korea, US junk N. Korea's proposal

Business



MONETARY LEADERS

Fitch keeps RP rating unchanged

Pushes fiscal reforms

THE PHILIPPINES' FISCAL DEFICIT WOES WILL likely persist in the current year but its credit rating is safe for now given the country's strong external payments position, Fitch Ratings said yesterday.

INDICATORS
CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Stocks up slightly

Exports rose in November after 13 months of decline

Napocor reduced net losses to ₱5.9B in 2009

Asean members push 'Marshall Plan for Asia'

Taps Japan-backed think-tank

GSIS' Meralco stake sold?

Biz Buzz
By the staff

Land speculator or environmentalist?

Prep for 2010 race

Golden brokers

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Outsourcing sector to keep growing

Economic recovery to boost revenues this year to $412B, says XMG Global







TVIRD, DMCI form mining partnership



PhilWeb, ISM purchase 65% of Acentic GmbH



ALI project in Laguna brings record sales

RP nets $1.3B in foreign direct investments in 10 months

More banks to consolidate in 2010

PDIC puts up 'Help Desk' to enable ailing institutions to find investors

Banking sector sees rebound in lending this year

DA chief still bullish on agri prospects

Philippine Stock Exchange

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Currencies

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APC keen on acquiring Angat power facilities

Ayala jacking up interest in MWC

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Company also eyeing IPPA for Leyte geothermal plants

By Amy R. Remo

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PMDC to rebid Mt. Diwalwal parcel

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Amy R. Remo

Business



PPA remits ₱200M to state coffers

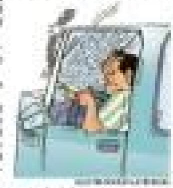
Hanjin bags another contract



MOTORING

Practical car buying tips





Botchi's Tips

1 Know and be honest about your needs.

2 After defining your priorities, come up with a shortlist of cars that fit your criteria.

3 Once you have your shortlist, do your assignment and read up on magazine reviews and on the Internet.

4 Ask your friends who have similar cars you're looking at for their opinions.

5 Visit the showroom dealership of the cars on your shortlist.

6 Schedule a test drive.

PRACTICAL B2-3



THE BEEP is bigger than a jeepney but smaller than a bus.

BEEP sounds off call for better road safety

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

New regulation

Amazed

First consideration

Accidents waiting to happen

Tale of Tape	Beep	Conventional jeepneys
Price	P1.6 million	P400,000-P645,000
Length	4.6m	5.9m (20 passenger variant)
Width	1,890mm	1.7m
Height	2,365mm	2.1m
Weight	4,000kg	2,700kg
Wheelbase	2.52m	3.5m
Turning radius	8.8m	6.2m
Number of seats	19 (including driver's)	21 (including driver's)
Maximum passenger capacity	25 (8 standing)	22 (2 clinging at the back)
Engine displacement	3.9 liters	2.8 liters
Maximum output	120.6 hp	80 hp
Maximum torque	262.3 Nm	175 Nm
Fuel tank capacity	75 liters	60 liters
Fuel consumption	4.6 kpl	3.4 kpl

A record not made to be broken!

Willy's 'twen-Tee-Ten' year

Moved earlier

MotorScope

Toyota first to hit 600K in cumulative sales

Third generation Honda City breaks record

Zero interest offer for BMW 1 Series

Foton Phils. honored at Dealers Conference

INQUIRER Car Buyer's Guide

Compiled by Charles E. Buban

Subcompact

Sport/Fun Compact/Hatch

Practical car buying tips

From page B4

7 Make notes about each dealership you visit and each car you drive.

8 Check out your buying options: cash, leasing or financing?

9 Insurance and extended warranties

10 Read the owner's manual

Forman's Tips

Set your budget

Set your priorities

List down the vehicles that fit your budget, priorities and then some

Keep an open mind

Do the legwork



ISUZU, TESDA CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF AUTO-MECHANIC TRAINING CENTER

Sweeping changes in 2010 Formula 1

ON THE ROAD



Jody Sevilla-Mendoza

Team changes



Driver changes

Calendar changes

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan Contributing Editor Lia S. Bernardo

LIFESTYLE Parenting





Advocating for a child with special needs

EVERY CHILD IS SPECIAL. MORE so if one has special needs.

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Roots and Wings



Cathy Babao-Guballa

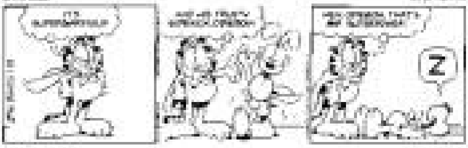
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Professional testing

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GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN — BY JESS ABRERA



PUGAD BABOY — BY PM JUNIOR



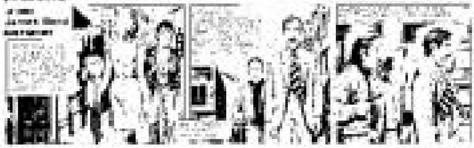
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LOVEKNOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



JAMES BOND



DIVINE COMEDY — BY STEVEN PABALINAS



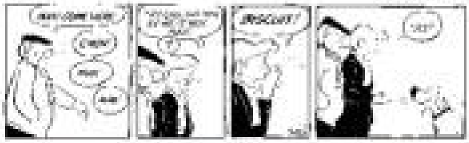
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TULDOK — BY MARIA COLL



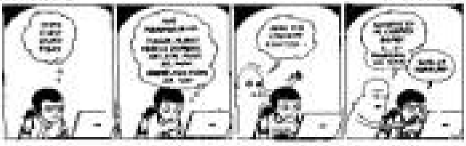
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ATOMO AND WEBOT — BY DIM GASCELLANO



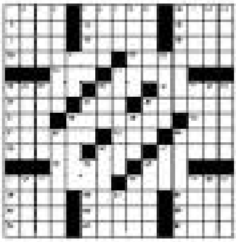
KIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA



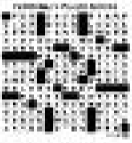
HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER



CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

	4	7	3	1	9	6	8	
	8						1	
		5	8	6	4	3		
	2						3	
8					5			9
6				3		5		8
9					3			2
	5						9	
		8	9	5	2	7		

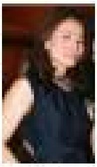
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	1	5	6	2	3	9	7
2	9	8	6	7	3	1	4	5
3	7	5	9	4	1	2	8	6
8	5	4	6	1	7	9	2	3
8	1	2	3	9	6	7	5	4
7	6	3	2	5	4	9	1	8
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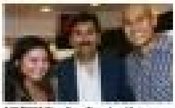
New eyewear brings out one's 'inner cool'

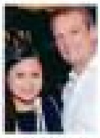
WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH
Maurice Arcache





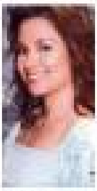






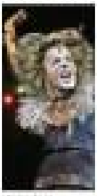


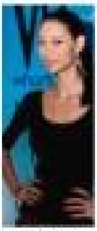
Wharton, Raju Laurel launch designer men's line



WORLD CLASS singer Lea Salonga portrays the lead role of Grizabella.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Cats' in Manila





Warn kids about young scam artists

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

Strings attached

Unfulfilled wish



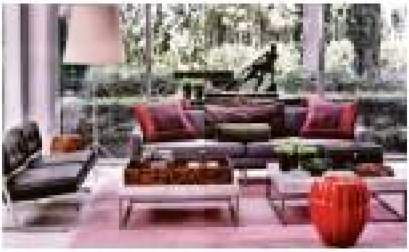


US mag features Tina and Ricci Ocampo's home









Advocating for a child ...

ENTERTAINMENT

'Estasyon,' off to Bangladesh fest

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Did You Know...



A little Sayles talk

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Oscar-nominated indie writer-director makes film on Fil-Am war in Bohol

SINCE THE MOVIE IS TO BE shot with live sound, an American film crew in Bohol has rented and fenced in an entire rice field and moved a neighboring chicken coop a mile away.

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US$1.34B in 24 days

[illegible]

Millionaire twice over in a day



SINGER-ACTRESS SHARON CUNETA [illegible]

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Bayani San Diego Jr.

CHEER FACTOR

Top 10 films at the US box office



	Title	Gross	Wk
1	Avatar	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	Sherlock Holmes	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	Alvin and the Chipmunks	[illegible]	[illegible]
4	Daybreakers	[illegible]	[illegible]
5	It's Complicated	[illegible]	[illegible]
6	Leap Year	[illegible]	[illegible]
7	The Blind Side	[illegible]	[illegible]
8	Up in the Air	[illegible]	[illegible]
9	Youth in Revolt	[illegible]	[illegible]
10	The Princess and the Frog	[illegible]	[illegible]







GALLERIA

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
2 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
3 ZOMBIELAND
4 THE REBOUND
5 AVATAR
6 AVATAR (Digital 3D)
7 UNIVERSAL SOLDIER: REGENERATION
8 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
9 ANG PANDAY
10 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL

MANILA

1 THE REBOUND
2 ZOMBIELAND
3 UNIVERSAL SOLDIER: REGENERATION
4 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
5 SHERLOCK HOLMES
6 AVATAR
7 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

METRO EAST

1 ZOMBIELAND
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3 SHERLOCK HOLMES
4 UNIVERSAL SOLDIER: REGENERATION
5 ANG PANDAY
6 AVATAR
7 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
8 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL XI

NOVALICHES

1 AVATAR
2 ZOMBIELAND
3 SHERLOCK HOLMES
4 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL

FORUM ROBINSONS

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
2 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
3 ZOMBIELAND
4 UNIVERSAL SOLDIERS

STA. ROSA

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
2 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
3 ANG PANDAY
4 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
5 AVATAR

LIPA

1 AVATAR
2 ANG PANDAY
3 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
4 THE GAMER

DASMARIÑAS

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
2 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
3 ANG PANDAY
4 ZOMBIELAND

STARMILLS

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
2 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
3 AVATAR
4 ANG PANDAY
5 ZOMBIELAND
6 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

IMUS

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
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3 ANG PANDAY
4 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
5 ZOMBIELAND
6 AVATAR

ANGELES

1 SHERLOCK HOLMES
2 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
3 BAD LIEUTENANT
4 ZOMBIELAND

TACLOBAN

1 ANG PANDAY
2 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
3 AVATAR

DUMAGUETE

1 AVATAR
2 PREDATOR
3 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

BACOLOD

1 ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
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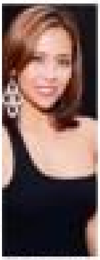
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GENSAN

1 AVATAR
2 PLANET 51
3 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
4 ANG PANDAY

ILOCOS NORTE (NOW OPEN!)

1 ANG PANDAY
2 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
3 MAG-DUNGKOS BAYANOS



RACHEL Alejandro

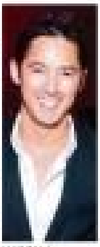
Stars party at RP Ch V relaunch

CELEBS TURNED up for the re-launch of Channel V Philippines recently at NBC Tent, The Fort.

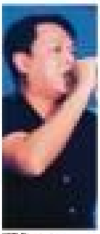
The music channel announced that it is now airing more local shows to better entertain today's Pinoy youth.

"This second issue [illegible] from a lineup of entertainment talk shows, lifestyle features, celebrity-centered shows and local reality TV shows," said Ronald Magsino, owner of the channel.

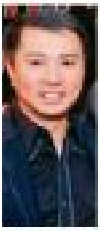
Among the stars at the event were channel head Bill Rodriguez, fashion director and PR consultant Cat Arambulo, new VJs Cliff Ho and Megan Young, Channel V International resident VJ Along Bin Sharu, The Dawn, Jonard Yanzon, Bebbles and Bodie Pascua, Rachel Alejandro, Marc Nelson and Rodjun Fernandez.



MARC Nelson



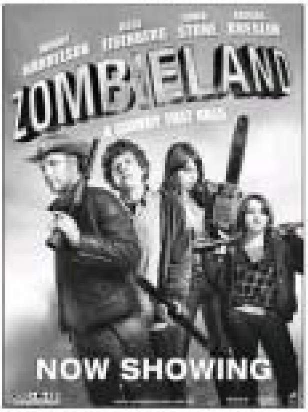
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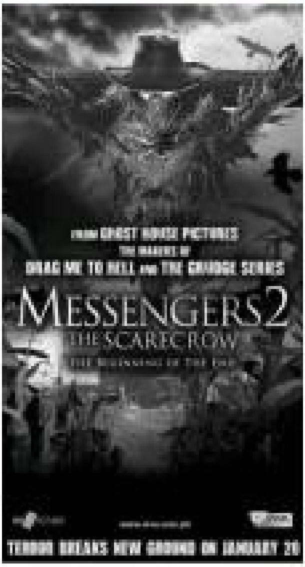
RONALD Magsino

A little Sayles talk

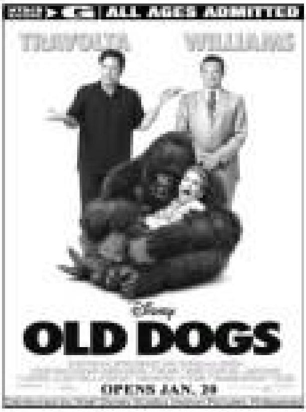




















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ENTERTAINMENT

Gay Exec plays ball with hunks

Rushes

Top of the talk shows

Look who's moving to TV5



Joining forces?

Voice trouble

True bromance



2009 House Calls

Opening This Week



Puntod

Directed by Lemuel Lorca ... Opens Jan. 13.

The Spy Next Door

... Opens Jan. 15.

Daybreakers

Directed by Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig; stars Ethan Hawke, Willem Dafoe, Michael Dorman, Claudia Karvan, Sam Neill

Hanging out, not reconciling



DENNIS Trillo



CRISTINE Reyes

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

Guess list

Network pulls plug on Leno experiment

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA—NBC ... AP



CHARICE Pempengco

Mr C directs Charice for V-Day gig at PICC



CATHERINE Zeta-Jones with Justin Bartha in "The Rebound."

OVERHEARD



WHAT IS PINOY?

The makers of this new TV commercial for a pop drink contend, "A true Pinoy is a hopeless romantic, a "Koreanovela" fan, and an RC Cola drinker." (Say what?) To tie up all these factors, the soda company got young Korean superstar Kim Bum to star in the ad with Maja Salvador. "We didn't realize how big Kim Bum was with local teens until he came to Manila for the shoot. But trust us on this: One can be a true Pinoy and also like only "Ganda" and "Sexebet."


THE STAGE IS SET FOR A NEW
American Idol
SEASON 9
A new idol fever begins
with a two-part premiere
TONIGHT and TOMORROW
6:00PM via satellite
With same day replay at 8PM
Q
Channel 11
SUNSILK
American Idol TM 19TV & Fremantle Media Ltd. www.americanidol.com


THE LONG WAIT IS OVER. NEW SEASON BEGINS TONIGHT AT 6
Primetime Encore 8PM/11PM
American Idol
WORLD


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